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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN
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DEPT FOR BRIANT PM/MC

DEPT PASS GEORGE CORCORAN, ASSISTANT COMM OF CUSTOMS INVESTI-
GATIONS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PCAT, PINR, AC, SF, US

SUBJ: CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS THROUGH ANTIGUA

REFS: A) BRIDGETOWN 0779, B) STATE 066972

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MARCH 24 IN ANTIGUA, PRE-
MIER VERE BIRD AGREED VISIT BY CUSTOMS AGENT GORDON MONROE
TO ANTIGUA WOULD BE VALUABLE IN GETTING TO BOTTOM OF CHARGES
THAT SPACE RESEARNH CORP. SHIPPED WEAPONS THROUGH
ANTIGUA. PREMIER BIRD SAID HE WOULD WELCOME MONROE VISIT,
THE SOONER THE BETTER, AND WOULD EXTEND GOA COOPERATION. BIRD
ASKED HE BE ALLOWED TO SAY VISIT WAS AT GOA INITIATIVE AND
THAT MONROE REPORT TO GOA BEFORE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT MADE.

2. IN VIEW OF GOA APPROVAL FOR VISIT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
SPECIAL AGENT MONROE SCHEDULE VISIT TO ANTIGUA AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE, KEEPING IN MIND OUR PREFERENCE THAT HE PASS
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THROUGH BRIDGETOWN ENROUTE AND THAT HE SHARE HIS FINDINGS
WITH GOA BEFORE LEAVING ANTIGUA. UPON FINALIZATION OF
TRAVEL SCHEDULE, MONROE SHOULD INFORM EMBASSY, WHICH IN
TURN WILL NOTIFY GOA.

3. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO BIRD CLAIMING THAT VISIT
IS AT GOA INITIATIVE, NOR ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT BIRD

COMMENT THAT HE WILL SPEAK ON MATTER IN ANTIGUA HOUSE
OF ASSAMBLY. ANTIGUA OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE WALTER
HAS ALREADY PLACED QUESTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS ON THE
HOUSE AGENDA.
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